FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the oil companies have begun an exercise of identifying the outlets which can install pollution check facilities. Presently, 43 outlets have the facilities, 59 dealers have received the pollution check equipment and are awaiting licence and 36 have applied for licence. The Government of Delhi has also hiked the pollution check fees per test to Rs. 25 for petrol vehicles and to Rs 50/- for diesel vehicles. Other measures such as computerised printing of test results of pollution check, and amendment of the Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules for prosecution for malpractices in checking, have been recommended to become part of the pollution check procedure.

Delegation of Powers to state Governments under the forest (conservation) Act

2370. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government will consider the request of the Maharashtra Government to delegate the powers to the State Government to give approval for diversion of forest land upto five hectares for non-forestry purpose, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, this consideration will be in accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and subject to general policy decisions.

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(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam...(interruptions).

The Leader of the Opposition (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Madam, *...{interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Chaturanan Mishra.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras and related papers.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Cooperative Union of India, New Delhi and related papers.

IV. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the National Horticulture Board, Gurgaon and related papers.

V. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Council for co-operative Training, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-854/96]

II. A Copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), Notification G.S.R. No. 148(E), dated the 25th March, 1996, publishing the Multi-State Cooperative Societies